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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title): ADJUSTABLE FLANGE DEVICE FOR COVER MEMBER IN DRIVE AXLE ASSEMBLYBy (Inventors): Timothy Bernard ALLMANDINGER, Sean Karl HOEFER, Gregory James MASER, Parvinder Singh NANUA, Edward Eugene STUART and Earl James IRWIN

24 pages of Specification/Claims 1-17/Abstract are attached.
 Drawings (Figs. 1-15; 12 sheets) are attached.
 A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.
 An assignment of the invention is attached, along with Form PTO-1595 and a check for \$40.00.
 An Information Disclosure Statement is attached, along with Form PTO-1449.
 Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i) for Non-Publication of Application.
 This application is entitled to Small Entity Status.
 A Preliminary Amendment is attached.
 Priority of foreign application No. _____ filed _____ in _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
 A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is attached.

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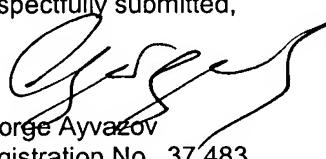
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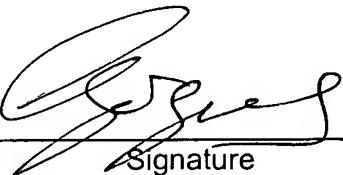
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